

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and,

Whereas, Chronic lung diseases, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and,

Whereas, Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases cost the United States an estimated \$31.9 billion a year; and,

Whereas, Sixteen million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD with a similar number undiagnosed; and,

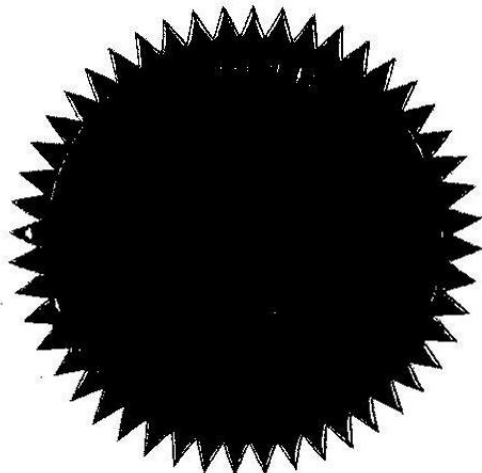
Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease in this country; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, be informed, and aware of their respiratory health, and the factors that affect that health; and,

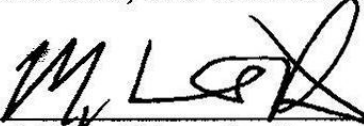
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2003, as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State